

In the Claims:

1. A device for storing a firearm, the firearm being of the type including an elongated barrel, a clip receiving portion and a trigger, the device comprising:

means for enclosing and locking the clip receiving portion of said firearm to said apparatus,

means for securing and locking the open end of said barrel to the apparatus, and

means for shielding and preventing unwanted access to said trigger mechanism.

2. The device of claim 1 which further comprises:

a frame for securing the device to a surface, the frame including: (a) an elongated longitudinally extending bar and (b) means for positioning, the means for positioning the frame relative to the surface, the means for positioning being connected to the bar.

3. The device of claim 1 wherein the means for securing and locking the open end of the barrel comprises: (a) a lock housing lockable to the frame; (b) a latch moveable to and from a locked position, the latch being disposed outwardly of the lock housing and interlocked with the frame; (c) means for biasing the latch member away from the locked position, and (d) means for releasing the latch from the locked position and inwardly of the housing.

4. The device of claim 3 wherein the housing is a key lock, the means for releasing being a key actuable means for releasing.

5. The device of claim 3, wherein the lock housing includes: (a) a planar flange extending from the lock housing; (b) an elongated longitudinally extending barrel support member having a forward end adapted to be fitted to the open end of the barrel; and (c) a

rearward end, means for connecting the rearward end of the support member to the flange whereby the forward end of the support member is pivotably moveable relative to the rearward end, and means for biasing the support member such that the axis of the support member is generally maintained perpendicular to the plane of the flange.

6. The device of claim 5 wherein: the support member is a frusto-conical member, the forward end thereof being received inside of the barrel.

7. The device of claim 5 wherein: the support member is a hollowed out cylindrical body, the forward end thereof being received about the end of the barrel.

8. The device of claim 1 wherein:
the means for enclosing and locking the clip receiving portion of said firearm to the apparatus comprises: (a) a cradle including a cover; (b) a base; (c) a cover hingedly connected to the base, the cover being movable between an open position whereby the firearm may be positioned onto the base and a closed position in enclosing relation to the firearm.

9. The device of claim 8 which further comprises:
a lock member to lock the cover to the base to prevent unwanted removal of the firearm from the cradle.

10. The device of claim 9 wherein the lock member is an electromechanical lock, the lock being remotely controlled to enable electrical actuation.

11. The device of claim 2 wherein the means for positioning comprises:
means for selectively positioning the frame relative to the surface.

12. The device of claim 11 wherein the frame comprises:

- (a) a central support plate,
- (b) a pair of spaced apart tubes, and
- (c) a pair of spaced apart trigger shields, the trigger shields defining the means for shielding.

13. The device of claim 12 which further comprises:

- (a) a plurality of engageable detents disposed along the length of each tube, and
- (b) a latch member associated with each tube and carried by the means for securing each latch member engageable with a selected detent to selectively position the frame.

14. The device of claim 5 which further comprises:

- (a) a pair of barrel support members, and
- (b) the device storing a pair of spaced apart firearms.